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Refresher Training for Medical Corps Officers....Section I
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I. Refresher Training for Medical Corps Officers.

1. The following is quoted for the information of all Medical Corps Officers from letter, Office of The Surgeon General, 27 December 1945, subject, "Professional Assignment for Reserve Corps, National Guard and AUS Medical Corps Officers Prior to Separation,"

"1. Memorandum WDCGT 210.6 (26 Nov 45) dated 13 December 1945, subject; Refresher Training for Medical Corps officers, and 1st and 2nd Indorsement thereto, authorizes professional assignments in medicine, surgery, neuropsychiatry and allied specialties at Army hospitals for a period of twelve (12) weeks for a limited number of Reserve, National Guard and AUS officers of the Medical Corps, who are eligible for separation from the military service, provided in each case the officer indicates in writing his desire to remain on active duty for the period of such assignment.

"2. Applications. a. Zone of the Interior personnel: Application for such professional duty assignments will be made through channels to The Surgeon General, Attn: Military Personnel Division, Room 2E512, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C., who will recommend appropriate professional assignment.

b. Overseas returnees: - Applications for such professional duty for Medical Corps officers returning from overseas will be made from Reception Stations or Separation Centers to The Surgeon General, Attn: Military Personnel Division, Room 2E512, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C., thru ASF Liaison Officer. Reception Station and Separation Center commanders may grant not to exceed fifteen (15) days ordinary leave to Medical Corps officers returning from overseas who elect the professional assignments referred to in paragraph 1 above. Appropriate assignment will be furnished the officer upon his return to the Reception Station.

c. Applications will contain a statement of duty assignment held by the applicant for the past twelve months, the specific professional specialty requested including former experience, and his desire to remain on active duty for a period of three months beyond the date on which he becomes eligible for separation exclusive of any temporary duty for rest and recuperation and/or leave.

d. Applicants cannot be recalled to active duty from terminal leave for the purpose of accepting this type of assignment.

"3. The Medical Corps officers so assigned will not be replacements for current operating personnel but will be in addition thereto, and will be assigned to an appropriate officer replacement pool by The Surgeon General and placed on temporary duty at appropriate hospitals. Per diem is authorized for period of travel only. TPA and movement of dependents is not authorized.

"4. All professional assignments resulting from above action will terminate prior to 30 June 1946."

II. Rescission of Circular Letter.

2. Circular letter No. 31, Office of the Chief Surgeon, GHQ, AFPAO, 28 July 1945, subject, "Training Program for Medical Officers", is hereby rescinded.

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